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In re Patent Application of:  
Katsumi FUKUMOTO

Application No.: 10/824,831

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Art Unit: 2824

For: ERRONEOUS OPERATION PREVENTING  
CIRCUIT OF NON-VOLATILE MEMORY  
DEVICE

Examiner: E. Wendler

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This is in response to the Final Office Action dated April 28, 2006 (Paper No. 20060420), for which a response is due on July 28, 2006. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.

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